

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic Verdigris River Bridge

and/or common Verdigris River Bridge

2. Location

street & number .5 miles north of Madison not for publication

city, town Madison x vicinity of congressional district

state Kansas code 20 county Greenwood code 73

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Greenwood County

street & number Greenwood County Courthouse

city, town Eureka N/A vicinity of state Kansas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Greenwood County Courthouse

city, town Eureka state Kansas

6. Representation in Existing Surveystitle Inventory of Historic Bridges
Kansas Department of Transportation has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☒ nodate 1980-83 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Kansas State Historical Society

city, town Topeka state Kansas

7. Description

Condition☐ excellent☒ good☐ fair☐ deteriorated☐ ruins☐ unexposed**Check one**☒ unaltered☐ altered**Check one**☒ original site☐ moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Verdigris River Bridge, .5 miles north of Madison, is a 120 feet long single span open spandrel arch bridge with two 40 feet approach decks. It is 20 feet wide curb to curb. The roadway is situated 31 feet above the low water level. It is in very good condition with only minor damage to the railing.

The bridge consists of a reinforced concrete arch ring which springs from and is disposed between two reinforced concrete abutments. The roadway deck is supported by a series of reinforced concrete cross-spandrel walls which rest on the arch ring. Reinforced concrete posts and rails form a railing which are located on both sides of the floor line.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1926

Builder/Architect Yancy Construction Company

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Verdigris River Bridge .5 miles north of Madison, Kansas retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, feeling, and association. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type and method of construction no longer being used, namely the construction of a roadway supported by a series of cross-spandrel walls that rest on a reinforced concrete arch ring springing from two piers. Thus this bridge may yield information important to the history of engineering.

On January 22, 1926 the Madison Mirror reported the awarding of contracts for three new reinforced concrete bridges to the Yancy Construction Company. Among them was a \$31,000 bridge across the Verdigris River just north of town on the Madison-Emporia road. The Madison News stated on March 4, 1926 that equipment was being moved to the building site and that the old bridge was now closed forcing townspeople to detour four miles when traveling north or risk the old river ford. According to the News on April 8, 1928 Beryl Miller tried his luck at the ford and ended up being pulled from the river by the bridge crew's block and tackle.

On November 18, 1926, the Madison News reported the last concrete had been poured. All that remained was to make the fills and wait 28 days for the concrete to cure. The bridge was announced officially open to traffic in the Madison Mirror on December 17, 1926.

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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- "New Bridge will be Finished Nov. 1," Madison News, November 18, 1926, p. 1, c. 2.
- "Concrete Work is Now Finished," Madison News, November 18, 1926, p. 1, c. 2.
- "New Bridge Over Verdigris to be Opened for Traffic Next Saturday," Madison News, December 16, 1926, p. 1, c. 1.
- "New Bridge Open," Madison Mirror, December 17, 1926, p. 1, c. 1.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet, item #9.

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Madison, Kansas

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

That property on and over which the bridge is built .5 miles north of Madison, Kansas.
SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S7, T22S, R12E. Includes bridge superstructure plus supporting piers and abutments.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Kansas State Historical Society

date

street & number 10th and Jackson Streets

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city or town Topeka

state Kansas

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☒ state ☐ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

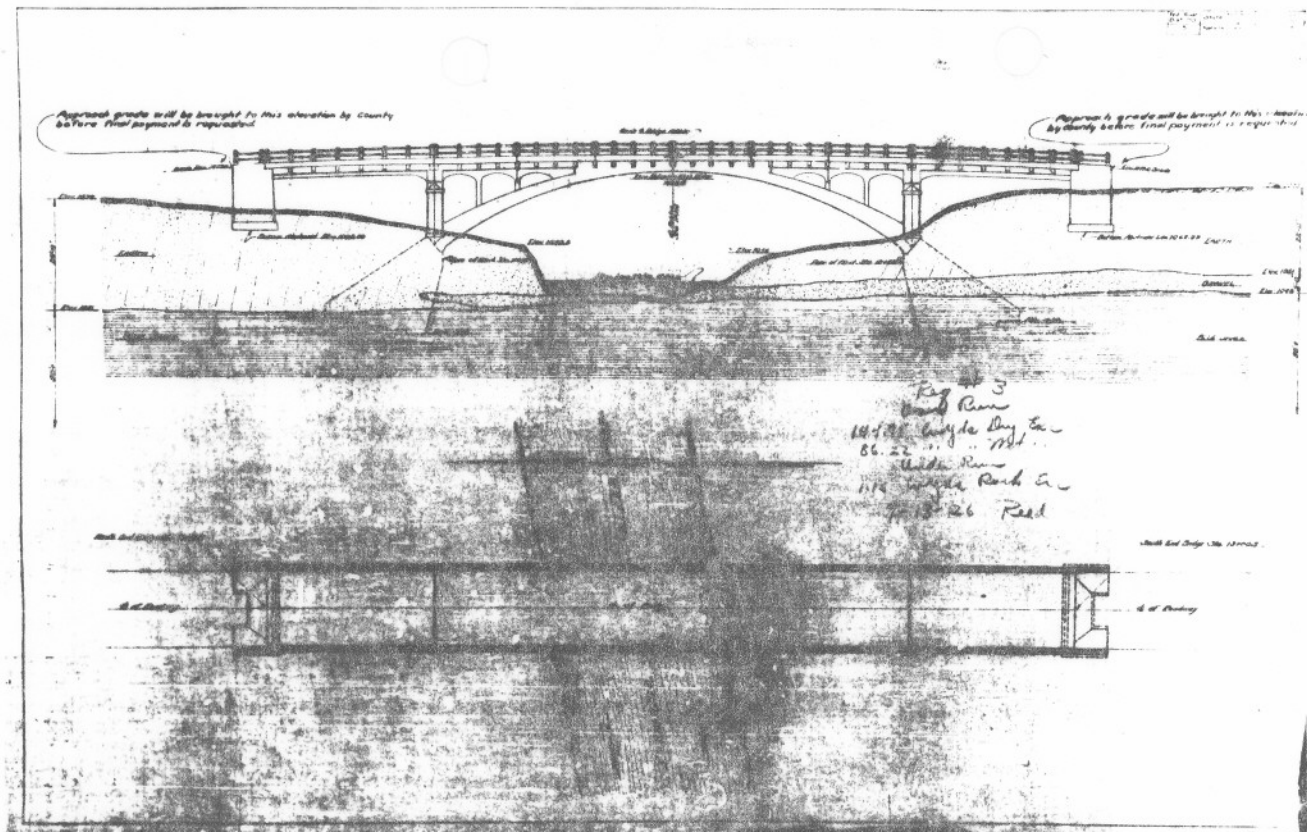
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Keeper of the National Register

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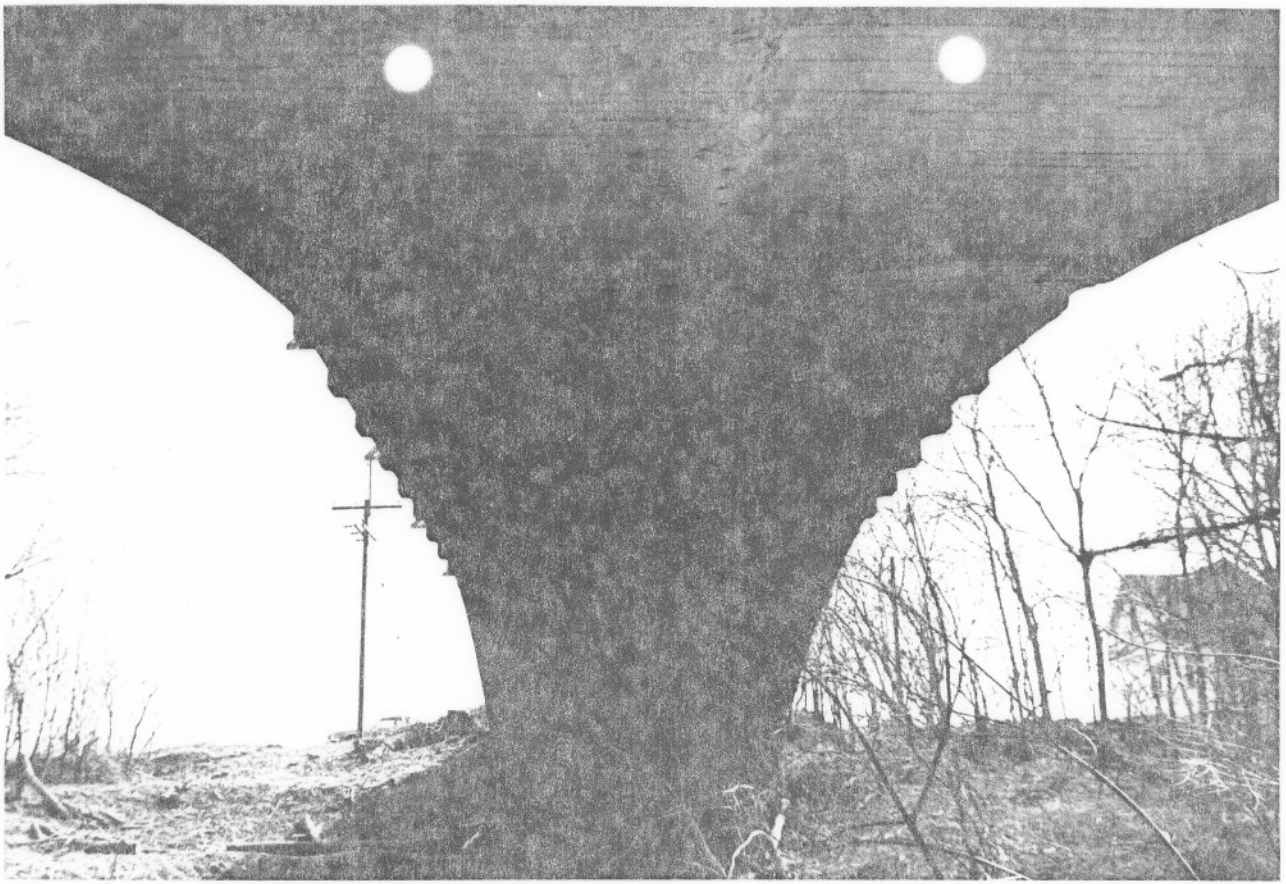
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Chief of Registration

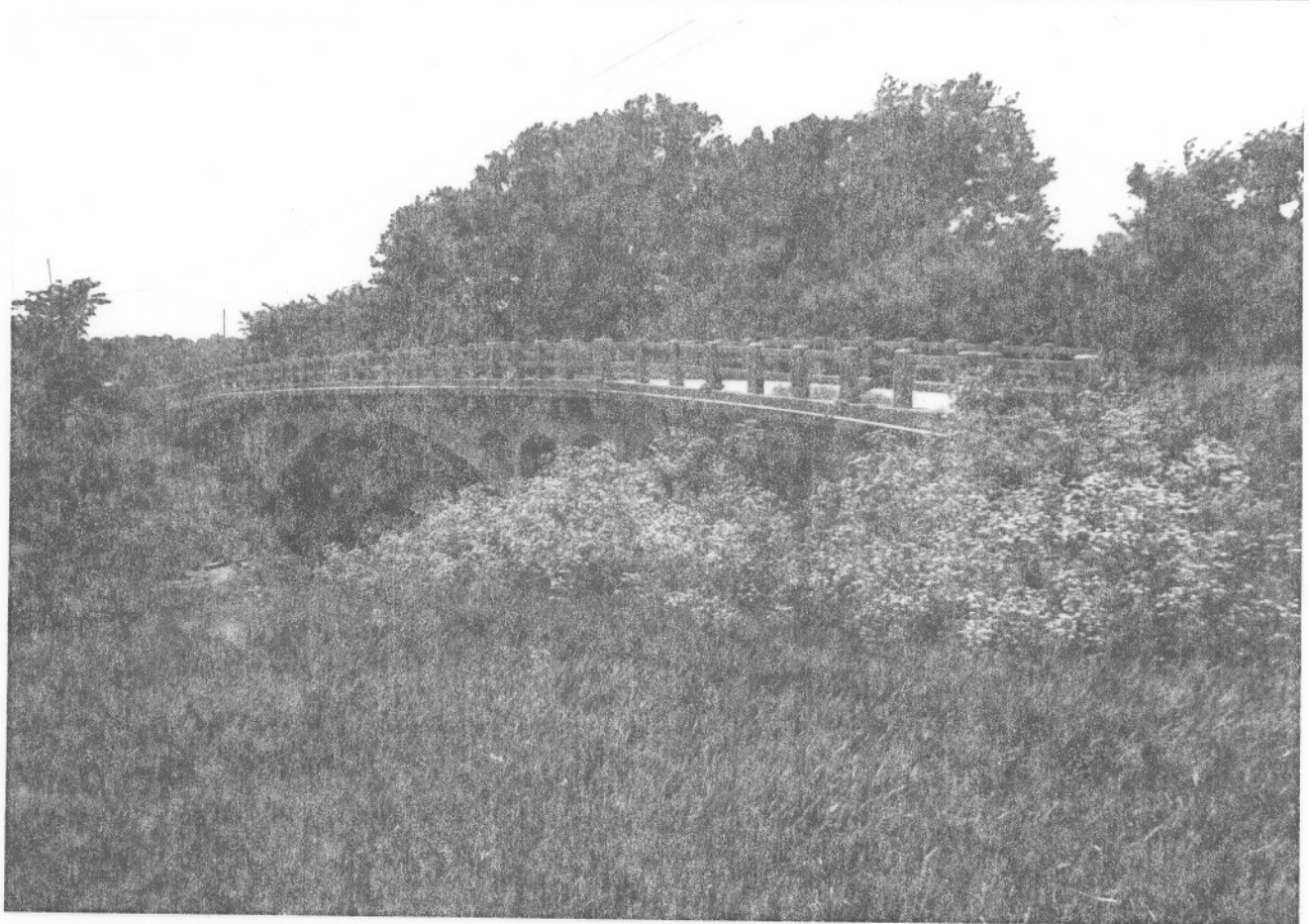




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